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In this image from a Washington Metropolitan Police Department officer's body-worn video camera, released and annotated by the Justice Department in the Government's Sentencing Memorandum, Peter Schwartz circled in red is shown using a canister of pepper spray against officers on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington.

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# Jan. 6 rioters are raking in thousands in donations. Now the US is coming after their haul

From Front

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**  
**Associated Press**

Less than two months after he pleaded guilty to storming the U.S. Capitol, Texas resident Daniel Goodwyn appeared on Tucker Carlson's then-Fox News show and promoted a website where supporters could donate money to Goodwyn and other rioters whom the site called "political prisoners."

The Justice Department now wants Goodwyn to give up more than \$25,000 he raised — a clawback that is part of a growing effort by the government to prevent rioters from being able to personally profit from participating in the attack that shook the foundations of American democracy.

An Associated Press review of court records shows that prosecutors in the more than 1,000 criminal cases from Jan. 6, 2021, are increasingly asking judges to impose fines on top of prison sentences to offset donations from supporters of the Capitol rioters.

Dozens of defendants have set up online fundraising appeals for help with legal fees, and prosecutors acknowledge there's nothing wrong with asking for help for attorney expenses. But the Justice Department has, in some cases, questioned where the money is really going because many of those charged have had government-funded legal representation.

Most of the fundraising efforts appear on GiveSendGo, which bills itself as "The #1 Free Christian Fundraising Site" and has become a haven for Jan. 6 defendants barred from using mainstream crowdfunding sites, including GoFundMe, to raise money. The rioters often proclaim their innocence and portray themselves as victims of government oppression, even as they cut deals to plead guilty and cooperate with prosecutors.

Their fundraising success



Insurrections loyal to President Donald Trump rally at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.

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suggests that many people in the United States still view Jan. 6 rioters as patriots and cling to the baseless belief that Democrats stole the 2020 presidential election from Donald Trump. The former president himself has fueled that idea, pledging to pardon rioters if he is elected.

Markus Maly, a Virginia man scheduled to be sentenced next month for assaulting police at the Capitol, raised more than \$16,000 from an online campaign that described him as a "January 6 P.O.W." and asked for money for his family. Prosecutors have requested a \$16,000-plus fine, noting that Maly had a public defender and did not owe any legal fees.

"He should not be able to use his own notoriety gained in the commission of his crimes to 'capitalize' on his participation in the Capitol breach in this way," a prosecutor wrote in court papers.

So far this year, prosecutors have sought more than \$390,000 in fines against at least 21 riot defendants, in amounts ranging from \$450 to more than \$71,000, according to the AP's tally.

Judges have imposed at least \$124,127 in fines against 33 riot defendants this year. In the previous two years, judges ordered

more than 100 riot defendants to collectively pay more than \$240,000 in fines. Separately, judges have ordered hundreds of convicted rioters to pay more than \$524,000 in restitution to the government to cover more than \$2.8 million in damage to the Capitol and other Jan. 6-related expenses.

More rioters facing the most serious charges and longest prison terms are now being sentenced. They tend to also be the prolific fundraisers, which could help explain the recent surge in fines requests. Earlier this month, the judge who sentenced Nathaniel DeGrave to more than three years in prison also ordered him to pay a \$25,000 fine. Prosecutors noted that the Nevada resident "incredibly" raised over \$120,000 in GiveSendGo fundraising campaigns that referred to him as "Beijing Biden's political prisoner" in "America's Gitmo" — a reference to the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

"He did this despite seeking to cooperate with the government and admitting he and his co-conspirators were guilty since at least November 2021," a prosecutor wrote.

Lawyer William Shipley, who has represented DeGrave and more than two dozen other Jan. 6 defendants,

said he advises clients to avoid raising money under the auspices of being a political prisoner if they intend to plead guilty.

"Until they admit they committed a crime, they're perfectly entitled to shout from the rooftops that the only reason they're being held is because of politics," Shipley said. "It's just First Amendment political speech."

Shipley said he provided the judge with documentation showing that DeGrave raised approximately \$25,000 more than what he paid his lawyers.

"I've never had to do it until these cases because I've never had clients that had third-party fundraising like this," Shipley said. "There's a segment of the population that is sympathetic toward the plight of these defendants."

GiveSendGo co-founder Heather Wilson said her site's decision to allow legal defense funds for Capitol riot defendants "is rooted in our society's commitment to the presumption of innocence and the freedom for all individuals to hire private attorneys."

The government's push for more fines comes as it reaches a milestone in the largest federal investigation in American history: Just over 500 defendants

have been sentenced for Jan. 6 crimes.

Judges aren't rubber-stamping prosecutors' fine requests. Prosecutors sought a more than \$70,000 fine for Peter Schwartz, a Kentucky man who attacked police officers outside the Capitol with pepper spray and a chair. U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta sentenced Schwartz this month to more than 14 years in prison — one of the longest so far in a Capitol riot case — but didn't impose a fine. Prosecutors suspect Schwartz tried to profit from his fundraising campaign, "Patriot Pete Political Prisoner in DC." But his lawyer, Dennis Boyle, said there is no evidence of that. The judge "basically said that if the money was being used for attorneys' fees or other costs like that, there was no basis for a fine," Boyle said.

A jury convicted romance novel cover model John Strand of storming the Capitol with Dr. Simone Gold, a California physician who is a leading figure in the anti-vaccine movement. Now prosecutors are seeking a \$50,000 fine on top of a prison term for Strand when a judge sentences him on Thursday.

Strand has raised more than \$17,300 for his legal defense without disclosing that he has a taxpayer-funded lawyer, according to prosecutors. They say Strand appears to have "substantial financial means," living in a home that was purchased for more than \$3 million last year.

"Strand has raised, and continues to raise, money on his website based upon his false statements and misrepresentations on the events of January 6," prosecutors wrote.

Goodwyn, who appeared on Carlson's show in March, is scheduled to be sentenced next month. Defense lawyer Carolyn Stewart described prosecutors as "demanding blood from a stone" in asking for the \$25,000 fine. □



## Biden on Memorial Day lauds generations of fallen U.S. troops

By AAMER MADHANI and  
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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Joe Biden lauded the sacrifice of generations of U.S. troops who “dared all and gave all” fighting for their country and called on Americans to ensure their “sacrifice was not in vain” in Memorial Day observances at Arlington National Cemetery.

Biden was joined at the traditional wreath-laying ceremony by first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Harris’ husband, Douglas Emhoff, for the 155th National Memorial Day Observance. He had a moment of contemplation in front of the wreath, which was adorned with flowers and a red, white and blue bow, and then bowed his head in prayer.

“We must never forget the price that was paid to protect our democracy,” Biden said later in an address at the Memorial Amphitheater. “We must never forget the lives these flags, flowers and marble markers represent.”

“Every year we remember,” he said. “And every year it never gets easier.”

Monday’s federal holiday honoring America’s fallen service members came a day after Biden and Re-



President Joe Biden pauses after laying a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023.

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publican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy reached final agreement on a deal that would raise America’s debt limit and that now awaits approval by Congress.

As it stands, the agreement would keep nondefense spending roughly flat in the 2024 fiscal year and increase it by 1% the following year. The measure would allow for 3% defense growth that year, to \$886 billion, and then 1% the next year, to \$895 billion.

Biden has taken pride that his Democratic administration has overseen a time of relative peace for the U.S. military after two decades of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It’s been nearly 21 months since Biden ended the United States’ longest war, in Afghanistan, making good on a campaign promise to end a 20-year-old “forever war” that cost the lives of more than 2,400 U.S. service members.

The war in Afghanistan,

however, ended in chaotic and deadly fashion on Biden’s watch in August 2021 with critics assailing the administration’s handling of the evacuation of some 120,000 American citizens, Afghans and others as poorly planned and badly executed.

The Biden administration last month released a review of the last days of the war, largely blaming his Republican predecessor, President Donald Trump, and asserting that Biden

was “severely constrained” by Trump’s decisions.

The U.S. now finds itself leading a coalition of allies pouring tens of billions of dollars in military and economic aid into Ukraine as it tries to repel the Russian invasion, which appears to have no end in sight.

While making clear that he has no desire for U.S. troops to enter the conflict, Biden has maintained that he sees the Russian effort to grab territory as an affront to international norms and has vowed to help Kyiv win, sending artillery, tanks and drones and recently agreeing to allow allies to train Ukrainian military on American F-16 jets.

Biden connected the sacrifices of some 400,000 Americans buried at Arlington to the work of U.S. troops deployed around the world today, saying the impact of the fallen men and women “goes far beyond those silent stones” of the solemn burial ground.

“We see it in the troops still standing sentinel on the Korean Peninsula, preserving the peace side by side with allies. We see it in every base, every barrack, every vessel around the globe where our military proudly serves and stands as a force for good in the world.” □

## Russia issues arrest warrant for Lindsey Graham over Ukraine comments

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia’s Interior Ministry on Monday issued an arrest warrant for U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham following his comments related to the fighting in Ukraine. In an edited video of his meeting on Friday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that was released by Zelenskyy’s office, Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, noted that “the Russians are dying” and described the U.S. military assistance to the country as “the best money we’ve ever spent.”

While Graham appeared



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks during a Senate Appropriations hearing on the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Associated Press

to have made the remarks in different parts of the conversation, the short video by Ukraine’s presidential office put them next to each other, causing outrage in Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov commented Sunday by saying that “it’s hard to imagine a greater shame for the country than having such senators.”

The Investigative Committee, the country’s top criminal investigation agency, has moved to open a criminal inquiry against Graham, and the Interior Ministry followed up by issu-

ing a warrant for his arrest as indicated Monday by its official record of wanted criminal suspects.

Graham is among more than 200 U.S. members of Congress whom Moscow banned last year from entering Russia.

Graham commented on Twitter, saying that “to know that my commitment to Ukraine has drawn the ire of Putin’s regime brings me immense joy.”

“I will continue to stand with and for Ukraine’s freedom until every Russian soldier is expelled from Ukrainian territory,” he tweeted. □



# No fatalities reported in Iowa as officials plan to demolish building

By **FREIDA FRISARO and TRI-SHA AHMED**

Officials in Iowa are making plans to demolish a six-story apartment building a day after it partially collapsed, injuring at least one person and displacing countless residents and business owners. No fatalities have been reported.

City officials in Davenport, a city in eastern Iowa, said in a news release that the property owner was served Monday with an order for demolition of the building that was once the Davenport Hotel. Residents were not being allowed back inside to remove their belongings due to the building's unstable condition.

"The property is currently being secured by a contractor on site this afternoon and demolition is expected to commence in the morning," the statement said. The cause of the collapse was not immediately known.

News of the collapse didn't surprise Schlaan Murray, a former resident, who told The Associated Press that his one-year stay there was "a nightmare."

Murray, 46, moved into his apartment in February 2022 and almost immediately began having issues. The heat and air conditioner didn't work, and there were plumbing problems in



Emergency crews work the scene of a partial apartment building collapse Sunday, May 28, 2023, in Davenport, Iowa.

the bathroom.

He made multiple calls to the management company, and rarely got a response. Occasionally, he said, a maintenance person would stop by but never completely fix the problem.

"They would come in and put some caulk on it," he said. "But it needed more than that. They didn't fix stuff, they just patched it up."

He questions how the building passed inspections.

"It was horrible," Murray said, adding that he felt

the conditions were so bad that he didn't want to bring his children to his apartment.

Murray said he moved out a month before his lease was up in March, and still hasn't received his security deposit.

He said that while the building's conditions were deplorable, many residents were like him and had a difficult time coming up with first and last month's rent, plus a security deposit, to move to another apartment.

Meanwhile, firefighters and

other first responders are being credited with saving lives — at great risk to their own personal safety, officials said during a Monday morning news conference. "When something like this happens here, and tragedy strikes, our responders immediately do their work and their job and I can't thank them enough," Mayor Mike Matson said.

Fire Chief Michael Carlsten said workers and K-9 units searched for survivors throughout the night and rescued one person from the building bringing the

total number of people rescued by fire officials to eight. An additional 12 people were escorted out by fire crews when they first responded to the collapse on Sunday evening.

"No known individuals are trapped in that facility," Carlsten said. Authorities have not released how many people were injured or provided details on the nature of their injuries. Carlsten did say that the person who was rescued overnight was in the hospital.

The building collapsed just before 5 p.m. Sunday. Carlsten said the back of the complex had separated from the mixed-use building, which houses both apartments and businesses. Authorities also found a gas leak in the building after the collapse.

Officials switched from a search and rescue mission to a recovery mission late Monday morning.

Rich Oswald, City of Davenport director of development and neighborhood services, said at a news conference on Sunday that work was being done on the building's exterior at the time of the collapse.

Reports of bricks falling from the building earlier this week were part of that work and the building's owner had a permit for the project, Oswald said. □

# Colorado teen wears Mexican and U.S. flag sash to graduation

**PARACHUTE, Colo. (AP) —**

A Colorado student barred from wearing a sash representing the flags of Mexico and the United States to her high school graduation did so anyway, partially covering it with another sash representing her participation in a service organization.

"Always stand up for what you believe in," Grand Valley High School graduate Naomi Peña Villasano told the Post Independent of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, after receiving her diploma on Saturday in the west-central Colorado town of Parachute.

Peña Villasano's case is

the latest dispute in the U.S. about what kind of cultural graduation attire is allowed at commencement ceremonies.

Peña Villasano challenged school officials in court after they said she would be banned from graduation ceremonies if she wore the sash that has stars and stripes on one side and a cactus, eagle and a serpent to represent the Mexican flag on the other side. A federal judge had ruled Friday that the school district could bar Peña Villasano from wearing the sash at graduation.

However, with her flag sash

partially covered with a gold Key Club International one, no one tried to stop Peña Villasano from crossing the stage to receive her diploma.

School officials have said the policy of not allowing individual sashes at graduation was "to protect the symbolic traditions that signify the graduates' academic accomplishments and services to the community. Each stole, cord or pin worn over the graduate's gown symbolizes academic honors, school-sponsored activities and military enlistment," the school said in a statement.

The district says it will reconsider its graduation sash policies before the Class of 2024 graduates next spring. Similar disputes have played out across the U.S. during graduation season. A transgender girl skipped the graduation ceremony at her Mississippi high school this year after she was banning her from wearing a dress to the ceremony. In Oklahoma, a Native American graduate brought legal action against a school district this month for removing a feather, a sacred religious object, from her cap before the graduation ceremony in 2022. □



In this undated photo, Naomi Peña Villasano poses with a sash of both the Mexican and American flags that her school district barred her from wearing for her high school graduation ceremony.

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## U.N. talks on a treaty to end global plastic pollution open in Paris

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Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — A United Nations committee met in Paris Monday to work on what is intended to be a landmark treaty to bring an end to global plastic pollution, but there is little agreement yet on what the outcome should be.

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for Plastics is charged with developing the first international, legally binding treaty on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. This is the second of five meetings due to take place to complete the negotiations by the end of 2024.

At the first meeting, held six months ago in Uruguay, some countries pressed for global mandates, some for national solutions and others for both.

Because it's an extremely short timeline for treaty negotiations, experts say that in this second session it's critical that decisions are made about the objectives and scope of the text such as what kind of plastics it will focus on. But that is easier said than done. Over 2,000 participants, in-



A child sits inside a canoe with empty plastic bottles he collected to sell for recycling in the floating slum of Makoko in Lagos, Nigeria, Nov. 8, 2022.

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cluding governments and observers, from nearly 200 countries have descended on the meeting hosted at the Paris-based U.N. cultural agency, UNESCO.

One fundamental issue being considered Monday is the system of voting on decisions for each nation, which has already produced lively debate and delays in the plenary sessions that are due to end Friday.

Humanity produces more than 430 million tons of plastic annually, two-thirds of which are short-lived products that soon become waste, filling the ocean and, often, working their way into the human food chain, the United Nations Environment Program said in April. Plastic waste produced globally is set to almost triple by 2060, with about half ending up in landfill and under a fifth

recycled, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The treaty could focus on human health and the environment, as desired by the self-named "high ambition coalition" of countries, led by Norway and Rwanda, with limits on plastic production and restrictions on some of the chemicals used in plastics. The coalition is committed to an in-

ternational, legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution by 2040. It says that this is necessary to protect human health and the environment while helping to restore biodiversity and curb climate change.

Alternatively, the treaty could have a more limited scope to address plastic waste and scale up recycling, as some of the plastic-producing and oil and gas exporters want. Most plastic is made from fossil fuels. Countries supporting this plan include the United States, Saudi Arabia and China. The U.S. delegation in Uruguay said national plans would allow governments to prioritize the most important sources and types of plastic pollution. Many plastics and chemical companies want this approach, too, with a plastic waste treaty that prioritizes recycling.

The International Council of Chemical Associations, the World Plastics Council, the American Chemistry Council and other companies that make, use and recycle plastics say they want an agreement that eliminates plastic pollution while "retaining the societal benefits of plastics." □

## Authorities in Thailand seize more than a ton of crystal meth

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Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Law enforcement officials in Thai-

land said Monday they seized more than a ton of crystal methamphetamine in a southern province last week that they believed

was bound for Australia. Officials from police and the Narcotics Control Board announced that the 1.2 metric tons (2,646 pounds) of the drug, also known as "ice," likely came from Thailand's northern border region, which is part of the Golden Triangle where the borders of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand meet.

Myanmar is a major producer of methamphetamine, which over the past decade has become the dominant illegal drug in Southeast Asia for both domestic consumption and export, supplanting opium and its refined product, heroin. Decades of political instability have made Myanmar's frontier regions largely lawless and exploit-

ed by drug producers and traffickers.

The U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime warned in a report in May last year that the production and trafficking of synthetic drugs such as methamphetamine is burgeoning in the region. It said the number of methamphetamine tablets seized in East and Southeast Asia exceeded a billion for the first time in 2021.

The methamphetamine seized last Wednesday in Songkhla province was disguised as packages of tea. Officials announced at a news conference that the three suspects believed to be transporting the drug had escaped, making it hard to know the traffick-

ers' plans.

Wichai Chaimongkol, the secretary general of the Narcotics Control Board, said the authorities had hoped to track the drugs to their destination in Australia in order to arrest higher-ranking members of the trafficking gang, but the three suspected smugglers in Songkhla became aware that they were being watched.

Thai officials believe the drugs, hidden in a house and two pickup trucks, were to be smuggled to Australia by sea, said Wichai.

Drugs that were seized in recent raids, including in Bangkok in March and April, also were supposedly bound for Australia. □



Police officers stand behind seized crystal methamphetamine during a news conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, May 29, 2023.

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# Uganda's president signs into law anti-gay legislation

By **RODNEY MUHUMUZA**

**Associated Press**

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)**

— Uganda's president has signed into law anti-gay legislation supported by many in this East African country but widely condemned by rights activists and others abroad.

The version of the bill signed by President Yoweri Museveni doesn't criminalize those who identify as LGBTQ, a key concern for some rights campaigners who condemned an earlier draft of the legislation as an egregious attack on human rights.

But the new law still prescribes the death penalty for "aggravated homosexuality," which is defined as cases of sexual relations involving people infected with HIV, as well as with minors and other categories of vulnerable people.

A suspect convicted of "attempted aggravated homosexuality" can be imprisoned for up to 14 years, according to the legislation. Parliamentary Speaker Anita Among said in a state-



Activists hold placards during their picket against Uganda's anti-homosexuality bill at the Ugandan High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa on April 4, 2023.

**Associated Press**

ment that the president had "answered the cries of our people" in signing the bill.

"With a lot of humility, I thank my colleagues the Members of Parliament for withstanding all the pressure from bullies and doomsday conspiracy the-

orists in the interest of our country," the statement said. Museveni had returned the bill to the national assembly in April, asking for changes that would differentiate between identifying as LGBTQ and actually engaging in homosexual acts. That angered some

lawmakers, including some who feared the president would proceed to veto the bill amid international pressure. Lawmakers passed an amended version of the bill earlier in May.

LGBTQ rights campaigners say the new legislation is unnecessary in a country

where homosexuality has long been illegal under a colonial-era law criminalizing sexual activity "against the order of nature." The punishment for that offense is life imprisonment.

The U.S. has warned of economic consequences over legislation described by Amnesty International as "draconian and overly broad."

The U.N. Human Rights Office said Monday it was "appalled that the draconian and discriminatory anti-gay bill is now law," describing the legislation as "a recipe for systematic violations of the rights" of LGBTQ people and others.

In a joint statement Monday, the leaders of the U.N. AIDS program, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and the Global Fund said they were "deeply concerned about the harmful impact" of the legislation on public health and the HIV response. "Uganda's progress on its HIV response is now in grave jeopardy," the statement said. □

# Ex-El Salvador President Mauricio Funes sentenced to 14 years for negotiating with gangs

By **MARCOS ALEMÁN**

**Associated Press**

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)**

— A judge sentenced former El Salvador President Mauricio Funes to 14 years in prison Monday for negotiating with gangs during his administration.

Funes' trial began in April with the former leader living in Nicaragua. El Salvador changed its laws last year to allow trials in absentia.

Prosecutors had accused Funes of illicit association and failure to perform his duties for the gang truce negotiated in 2012. Funes had denied negotiating with the gangs or giving their leaders any privileges. Funes' former Security Minister Gen. David Munguía Payes was sentenced to 18 years in prison for his in-

volvement in the negotiations.

Munguía Payes said after the sentencing that the trial was full of irregularities.

"I consider myself a political prisoner, for only having served as the ex-minister of President Funes. They accuse me of a series of accusations that have no foundation," he said.

Funes' sentence was the sum of eight years for illicit association and six years for failure to perform duties.

Funes is the second former Salvadoran president sentenced to prison for illegal activity during his administration. In 2018, former President Tony Sacá was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to diverting more than \$300 million in state funds. He was

Funes' predecessor, governing from 2004 to 2009.

Prosecutors say the gang negotiations were aimed at getting the country's powerful street gangs to lower the homicide rate in exchange for benefits to the gangs' imprisoned leaders.

El Salvador has pursued Funes, 64, who governed from 2009 to 2014, for other alleged crimes in at least a half dozen cases. Nicaragua gave him citizenship in 2019.

In 2015, El Salvador's Supreme Court ruled that the gangs are terrorist organizations.

Current President Nayib Bukele has been accused of engaging in the same kind of negotiations with the gangs.

In December 2021, the U.S. Treasury said that Bukele's government secretly negotiated a truce with leaders of the country's powerful street gangs. Imprisoned

gang leaders were allegedly given privileges in exchange for slowing down killings and for giving political support to Bukele's party. □



El Salvador's President Mauricio Funes stands in the National Assembly before speaking to commemorate the anniversary of his third year in office in San Salvador, El Salvador, June 1, 2012.

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## Another edition of our 'Fiesta Tipico den Bario' celebrates Aruban musical heroes

*"Culture needs to be lived. And we need pioneers and driving forces behind this organization to ensure that traditional culture and music remain alive in our community."*

(Oranjestad)—On Sunday, May 28th, the third 'Fiesta Tipico den Bario'\* (Typical Neighborhood Party) took place at the Savaneta Neighborhood Center, organized by the 'Union di Tipiconan Rubiano' Foundation, also known as the UTR Foundation.

The goal for these "fiesta tipico" is to take place each month in a different neighborhood center across the island. As is known to locals, Fiesta Tipico den Bario is a beautiful initiative by our leaders of the Tipico groups in Aruba to promote traditional music in our beloved neighborhoods. Events like these promote living our culture and contribute to preserving our vibrant folklore in the neighborhoods and passing it on to the younger generations. Additionally, during the Fiesta Tipico den Bario, the Government of Aruba presents

acknowledgments to those who support, promote, and preserve our vibrant folklore in our neighborhoods. These celebrations are made possible thanks to UNOCA, which provides funds to cover the expenses of this cultural event.

The first Fiesta Tipico took place in March at the Brazil Neighborhood Center, the second in April at Club Sport Boys, both of which were successful. The fourth gathering will take place in July at the Lago Height Neighborhood Center.

At this month's 'fiesta tipico', Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes was present and enjoyed a highly pleasant atmosphere, where many citizens visited the traditional event and enjoyed the Aruban ambiance. Prime Minister represented Minister of Culture Xiomara Maduro, who was unable to attend. This time, Mrs. Mathilde Paskel-

Boekhoudt and Mr. Esteban Banchi Koolman were recognized for their outstanding collaboration and contribution to the musical tradition of Aruba.

If you are interested to experience an aspect of true Aruban culture, these monthly Fiesta Tipico den Bario should definitely be at the top of your list: "Culture needs to be lived. And we need pioneers and driving forces behind this organization to ensure that traditional culture and music remain alive in our community," expressed the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister extends an invitation to every citizen and visitor for the next Fiesta Tipico den Bario on July 2nd at the Lago Height Neighborhood Center.

\*Fiesta Tipico den Bario: literally translated to Typical Neighborhood Party, refers to the celebration of what is "typical" of Aruban culture. □








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A family of 5, Chef Patrick, his wife Yvette and their 8 year old triplet sons, started their trajectory about a decade ago, with the renowned and loved Amuse Bistro that saw immense success. Due to a tragic incident in which the restaurant burned down, they gathered all their strength and continued their success at a new location behind the airport, as a brand new beginning named Amuse Sunset until they saw it come to an end. After overcoming unforeseen circumstances like the pandemic, the family is stronger than ever and reading to begin a new adventure and welcome you aboard.

The Journey offers a brand new, elegant and chic concept. Taking the table in 'Chef's Table' to heart, this new interpretation of 'chef's table' features stand-alone tables which seat only 20 patrons, all who must arrive before 7pm. Once you choose to embark on this adventure, the night will start once you arrived at your destination, right next to the mill in Palm Beach, where you will be welcomed with a toast of bubbles (on the house) on the terrace while you wait for the beginning of an unforgettable night. Once the clock hits 7pm, you will be taken into the restaurant for a magical five-course Chef's choice pre-fixed menu that will take your taste buds on a high class world tour.

You can opt to pair your courses with the sommelier's expertly curated choice of fine wines by the glass or order a bottle from their impressive wine list. With an open kitchen concept, you get to witness the chef bring his inspiration and creations to life. By the end of the night, you are guaranteed to have made a few new friends with whom you've enjoyed a wonderful experience of culinary bliss.

The Journey is open from Mon-Fri and is reservation only, we ask that all guests with a reservation arrive before 7pm. For further questions or information, refer to their website <https://thejourneyaruba.com/> or contact Yvette at +297 565 0535

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The Grand Fish Restaurant has an extraordinary menu starting with appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup. The entree dishes consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper, fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones! There are also pasta, meat and poultry options plus a kid-friendly menu with crispy chicken or fish nuggets, cheese burgers, mac & cheese and kid tenderloin.

Pair your meal with your favorite drink or cocktail, a wine of your choice or a glass of The Grand Fish yummy home-made fresh lemonade.

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& THE  
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Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Familia Perez from Chile**. This is their first time visiting and they said they love the beach. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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## Aruba's underwater wonderland



**ORANJESTAD** - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

### Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved

into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

### Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany.



Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

### Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent

beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

### Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □





*And this is just the beginning...*

## Go Culture Foundation is unleashing creative power in encounters with Aruba's Cultural and Creative Industries

With great enthusiasm, the Go Culture Foundation is presenting a series of successful and impactful encounters since April for artists, creatives, visionaries, cultural and creative entrepreneurs, as well as Aruban educators. The resounding success of these sessions is proof of the immense importance of fostering useful connections and empowering our creative community. More than a hundred individuals from the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) have already attended these transformative sessions, fueling a vibrant creative revolution on the island.

These sessions have been essential for the advancement of our artistic community. Firstly, they provide a dynamic platform for artists and creatives to come together and share their experiences, ideas, and challenges in the industry.

Secondly, these encounters foster the creation of robust relationships and tighter networks within the industry. The power of alliances and collaboration is becoming increasingly evident, offering immense benefits to artists, creatives, and the industries as a whole. Together, we can achieve great things.

Thirdly, these sessions are extremely powerful in raising awareness of the profound impact these industries have on the communi-



ty at large. Using concrete examples from countries in the region that can demonstrate how they have driven sustainable and impressive development by recognizing the value of their Cultural and Creative Industries. By doing so, Go Culture demonstrates the urgency of formalizing and developing Aruba's Cultural and Creative Industries, not only for the sector itself but also for the overall development and well-being of Aruba.

However, these encounters have also shed light on several challenges faced by artists and creatives in these industries. Through open dialogue, difficulties, frustrations, and common pitfalls have been identified. Remarkably, many of the problems expressed by the creative commu-



nity have consistently resurfaced during these encounters. Some of them include limited funding and accessibility to execute projects, the need for more knowledge or assistance in improving funding requests, inadequate access to resources and infrastructure, the need for incentives to stimulate industry growth, intellectual property rights, and the crucial need for recognition, respect, and support from the government and other stakehold-

ers.

Nevertheless, despite all these challenges, the Go Culture Foundation is highly enthusiastic about sensing the immense willingness of artists and creatives to collaborate more with each other to create improvements for the industry. It is also taking action as a collective to develop innovative solutions and create strategies to drive progress and growth. Go Culture is generating enthusiasm and

broad support by showcasing the remarkable work and potential of our artists and creatives and highlighting the profound social and economic benefits generated by these industries.

The resonating message is very clear: when we discover and realize the value and potential of Aruba's cultural and creative sectors and decide to invest in them, we will be investing in a prosperous future.

In conclusion, these encounters serve as vital catalysts for the development and growth of Aruba's Cultural and Creative Industries. By actively identifying challenges, establishing strong networks, and fostering impactful alliances, these sessions continue to pave the way for a vibrant ecosystem that truly sustains and supports artists and creatives so that they can thrive.

These encounters pave the way for Go Culture Foundation's next initiative, which will involve in-depth research to gather data that can demonstrate the real potential of Aruba's Cultural and Creative Industries for economic, social, and cultural development. Go Culture invites Aruba's artistic and creative community to embark on a transformative era of imagination, innovation, and inspiration and to create a brighter future together, where creativity knows no barriers. □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 4 Never before seen  
1 Narrow body of water  
7 Ranch worker  
11 Saffron-flavored dish  
12 Margarine  
13 Computer program  
15 In the buff  
16 Downhill glider  
18 Bath need  
21 Gush  
22 Enters a password, say  
24 "Dig in!"  
25 Party staple  
26 Paid player  
27 Cause to goof  
29 Come together  
30 Rebuff  
31 Minnow's home  
32 Intense beam  
34 Suggestion  
40 Carry  
41 Thorny shrub  
42 Influence  
43 Just

## DOWN

- 1 Relaxing site  
2 Faucet  
3 Gym unit

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## Yesterday's answer

- 22 Gloss target  
23 Negating word  
25 City on the Persian Gulf  
28 Block and tackle part  
29 Mason's material  
31 Treaty goal  
33 Racket  
34 "— been real!"  
35 Cut, as hay  
36 Sch. support group  
37 Rocks, in a bar  
38 Motor need  
39 Opposing vote

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5-30

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-30

## CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NEVER IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN CONFLICT WAS SO MUCH OWED BY SO MANY TO SO FEW. — WINSTON CHURCHILL

# 5 ways to simplify and reduce your money clutter

By LIZ WESTON of NerdWallet

Professional organizers might define household clutter as a pile of unmade decisions. Money clutter is much the same.

Those credit cards you no longer use but haven't closed? That's money clutter. So is the retirement account you left behind three jobs ago and the financial paperwork you keep but no longer need. Money clutter also can include broken systems that should be mended, such as a bill payment routine that leads to overdrafts or late fees. You can simplify your financial life by dealing with those long-delayed decisions now and streamlining how you manage your money going forward. Here are five tasks to consider.

## 1. CONSOLIDATE ACCOUNTS

The more financial accounts you have to monitor, the more stress you're likely to feel, says Chicago financial planner Sheila Padden, president of the Alliance of Comprehensive Planners. It's too easy to lose track of an account, miss a due date or fail to notice a fraudulent transaction. "Like any machinery, if there's a lot of moving parts, then it's more likely to break down," Padden says. One relatively easy way to consolidate is to combine workplace retirement accounts. You may be able to transfer old 401(k) accounts to your new employer's plan, for example, or roll them into a single individual retirement account, or IRA. Closing unused credit cards is another task worth consid-



This undated file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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ering, although shuttering accounts may ding your credit scores. Minimize potential damage by hanging on to your oldest and highest-limit cards. If you have multiple cards with the same issuer, ask whether the credit limit on a card you want to close can be reallocated to one you want to keep. And don't close cards if you're about to apply for a major loan such as a mortgage or an auto loan.

## 2. GET IT ALL ON ONE PAGE

Budgeting apps allow you to link your bank accounts, credit cards and investment accounts so you can view all your transactions in one place. Your bank or brokerage may offer a similar feature that allows you to link outside accounts. Learning how to use these tools takes a little time, but getting this overview can help you better manage your money without having to log in to multiple accounts, says Pamela Ladd, senior manager of personal financial planning at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. □

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## Country singer Tyler Hubbard's growth expands beyond Florida Georgia Line

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Singer-songwriter Tyler Hubbard was fully prepared to hang up his boots so to speak when his duo partner in Florida Georgia Line, Brian Kelley, said he wanted to go solo.

The pair had been together more than a decade, and whether you were a fan of their bro country sound or not, their music ("Cruise," "Meant To Be," "Round Here") set the tone for a generation of country fans. Hubbard, who had notched more than a dozen hits as a songwriter for FGL and other artists like Jason Aldean, thought he'd focus on just writing for other artists.

"That's a really big transition in one's career, 10 years or 12 years, and to say we're going to pivot right now," Hubbard said.

"I didn't expect it to come then. And it took me a minute, you know, it really did. But we were also in the middle of a pandemic. And so I didn't have a choice anyway." But the COVID-19 pandemic made him realize that his need to perform and record was as strong as ever. Now a year after launching his solo career, Hubbard has reintroduced himself to fans with two No.



Tyler Hubbard, a member of the duo Florida Georgia Line, poses for a portrait on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, in Nashville, Tenn.

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1 songs and a debut record.

"I'm thankful that (Brian) had the courage to step into this new space and to make that decision that ultimately kind of pushed me to make the same decision and lead me to where I'm at now," said Hubbard.

Both Kelley and Hubbard have said there's no bad blood between them and that FGL isn't breaking up, but rather "taking a break." Now the two seem set on exploring music that they couldn't make together.

Kelley, the Florida-born singer, has been exploring his coastal country music, while Hubbard's self-titled solo debut record released in January gave him an opportunity to reflect on his personal life, being a father and a husband and his faith. But Hubbard acknowledges that there's always skepticism when an artist goes solo after unprecedented success in a group or band. The Georgia-born singer took that as a challenge.

"I had quite a few people

tell me that it couldn't be done and that I should definitely continue with FGL," Hubbard said.

"And it sort of lit a spark in me, a fire." Hubbard's two singles, the platinum-certified "5 Foot 9," about his wife and "Dancin' in the Country," which was co-written with Keith Urban, show that fans haven't forgotten Hubbard, or possibly that he's changing minds of people who never considered themselves FGL fans. Producer and songwriter Jordan Schmidt was

the first person signed to Hubbard and Kelley's publishing company Tree Vibe, and he recalls that they instilled in him a strong work ethic. The duo would bring their writers out on a bus with them as they toured and spend time before or after shows just writing and creating songs.

So Schmidt was a natural fit as a co-producer and co-writer for Hubbard's solo album.

"Naturally it's going to be different, he's calling all the shots," said Schmidt. "But in the grand scheme, it's the same mentality and work ethic he had with FGL in terms of 'I want to write songs that move the needle.'

He's still putting out songs that do sound unique and different, just like 'Cruise' back in the day."

And he's putting in his dues just like any newer act. Hubbard opened for Urban on his tour last fall and is hitting the festivals and fairs this summer, a somewhat different vibe from the high-energy, big pyro arena shows of Florida Georgia Line.

"I've really enjoyed being able to strip it back and play these smaller shows and really have little to no production," said Hubbard. □

## Ryan Reynolds' Wrexham secures its latest Hollywood linkup

WREXHAM, Wales (AP) — Wrexham's shirts will have a taste of Hollywood next season.

The Welsh soccer team has secured its latest celebrity linkup and co-owner Ryan Reynolds is keeping it in the family.

Actor Blake Lively, who is married to the "Deadpool" star, will sponsor the team's training kit from next season through her non-alcoholic beverage company Betty Buzz.

"Our team had, of course, heard of Wrexham AFC but once we officially learned about their refreshing vision, we knew it was the right official fit for our refreshing

sparkling beverage," Lively said in a statement.

Wrexham has gained a

global following since it was bought by Reynolds and fellow actor Rob McElhenney for \$2.5 million in 2021.

A documentary series about the team has streamed around the world and has made household names of its players, management and fans.

Reynolds and McElhenney have used their own celebrity to raise the profile of the club, which spent 15 years out of the English Football League before earning promotion last month.

The growing exposure of Wrexham led to a shirt sponsorship deal with social media platform TikTok, while there has also been a link with Expedia.

Lively has attended games alongside her husband as

Wrexham won the National League with a record total of 111 points. After reaching the fourth division of English soccer, Reynolds and McElhenney rewarded the team with a trip to Las Vegas.

A new 5,000-seat stand is being built to raise the capacity at the club's Racecourse Ground to 15,000 and a sponsorship deal with a coffee company will change the name of the stadium to Stok Racecourse. The team will also tour the United States in the offseason, playing LA Galaxy II and Premier League teams Manchester United and Chelsea. □



Blake Lively attends the Tiffany & Co. Fifth Avenue flagship store grand re-opening event on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in New York.

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## Alcaraz, Djokovic face brief trouble late in straight-set victories at French Open

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**PARIS (AP)** — Pretty much everyone expects to see, and likely wants to see, Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic face each other in the French Open semifinals. There's work to be done first, of course, and both began their journeys at Roland Garros with straight-set victories Monday against opponents making Grand Slam debuts.

These were supposed to be straightforward chances to ease into the clay-court tournament for the two popular picks to win the men's trophy and it turned out that way, other than a brief late blip for each.

Djokovic, a 22-time major champ seeded No. 3, was up first in Court Philippe Chatrier, facing 114th-ranked Aleksandar Kovacevic, a 24-year-old from New York. Djokovic served for the victory at 5-4 in the third set but got broken there. Not surprisingly, he quickly righted himself and won 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

"Made me work for my victory," Djokovic said.

"I played really well and held things under control for 2 1/2 sets and then lost my serve and things got a little bit on a wrong side for me," said the 36-year-old Serb, who can break the men's mark for most Slam titles he currently shares with Rafael Nadal, the 14-time French Open winner sidelined by a bad hip. "But I managed to hold my nerves and played pretty much a perfect tiebreak." Next came Alcaraz, a one-time major champ seeded No. 1, in Court Suzanne Lenglen, facing 159th-ranked qualifier Flavio Cobolli, a 21-year-old from Florence, Italy. Alcaraz held three match points to close things at 5-3 in the third set but couldn't convert, then found himself at 5-all minutes later. Not surprisingly, he quickly righted himself and won 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

Before the start of the tournament, Djokovic called Alcaraz the logical pick to take the trophy, given his recent form on clay: 21-2 as of Monday, with three titles. Hard to argue.

On the other hand, Djokovic

also noted that he loves the best-of-five-set format of majors and not-so-accidentally mentioned the 22-1 gap in such championships.

Other seeded men advancing on Day 2 in Paris included No. 12 Frances Tiafoe, No. 14 Cam Norrie, No. 15 Borna Coric, No. 18 Alex de Minaur, No. 19 Roberto Bautista Agut and No. 26 Denis Shapovalov. Among the seeded women moving into the second round: No. 5 Caroline Garcia, No. 14 Beatriz Haddad Maia, No. 20 Madison Keys and No. 22 Donna Vekic.

Seeds on the way out included No. 12 Belinda Bencic and No. 16 Karolina Pliskova in the women's bracket and No. 10 Felix Auger-Aliassime and No. 25 Botik Van de Zandschulp in the men's. Part of the group of past Grand Slam champions who won Monday were Stan Wawrinka and Sloane Stephens. Wawrinka edged Albert Ramos-Vinolas 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-7 (2), 1-6, 6-4 across more than 4 1/2 hours, while 2017 U.S. Open title winner Stephens



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz plays a shot against Italy's Flavio Cobolli during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 29, 2023.

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defeated two-time major finalist Pliskova 6-0, 6-4.

"One of the big reasons why I keep playing is to relive those emotions. It was special today again to be here, a lot of support, a lot of fans here. It helped me a lot today to stay in the

match and to keep fighting for it," said Wawrinka, a 38-year-old whose three major titles include the 2015 French Open but has dealt with a series of injuries in more recent years. "If I can stay five more minutes on court, I will do it." □

## Guardians rookie Allen brilliant as Cleveland blanks O's 5-0

By **NOAH TRISTER**  
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**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Logan Allen allowed three hits in seven outstanding innings, and the Cleveland Guardians broke through for four runs in the seventh on their way to a 5-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday.

Will Brennan had three hits for the Guardians, who have won three of four. The Orioles will need to win their next two games against Cleveland just to go .500 on this six-game homestand after they went 5-1 on a trip to play the Blue Jays and Yankees.

Allen (2-2) struck out a career-high 10 in his seventh big league start. The rookie left-hander also set career marks for innings pitched

and fewest hits allowed and this was his first scoreless outing.

Allen is the second pitcher in franchise history to have eight-plus strikeouts in at

least three of his first seven career games. Herb Score did it in five of his first seven. Enyel De Los Santos and Trevor Stephan finished a five-hitter, Cleveland's fifth



Cleveland Guardians starting pitcher Logan Allen throws a pitch to the Baltimore Orioles during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, May 29, 2023, in Baltimore.

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shutout this season. Baltimore has been blanked four times, all in May.

Tyler Wells (3-2) allowed a run and four hits in six innings, striking out seven without a walk, but the moment he exited, the game fell apart for the Orioles. With the Guardians up 1-0, Myles Straw reached on a one-out infield chopper in the seventh, and then the next three batters Brennan, Cam Gallagher and Steven Kwan hit grounders that found holes.

Gallagher's single brought in a run, and Kwan's grounder to the right of second base slipped through for a double that made it 3-0. Amed Rosario hit a grounder at second baseman Adam Frazier, but his throw home was

poor and got past catcher James McCann, allowing two runs to score. Frazier was charged with an error. Gallagher opened the scoring with a fifth-inning sacrifice fly.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Orioles:** The day went from bad to worse for Baltimore when OF Cedric Mullins pulled up to a near-stop while running out an infield grounder in the eighth. Mullins appeared to have something wrong with his right leg and left the game. ... C Adley Rutschman had the day off. It was the first time this season he's missed a full game.

### UP NEXT

Kyle Gibson (6-3) starts for Baltimore on Tuesday night against Cleveland's Cal Quantrill (2-3). □





**Las Vegas Aces' Dearica Hamby (5) dribbles up court during a WNBA basketball game against the Phoenix Mercury, on May 6, 2022, in Phoenix.**

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**By ANNA FURMAN**

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Pro soccer player Jess McDonald was traded across six teams in her first five years as a single parent, making it difficult to find, let alone afford, child care in new cities. She and her then-8-month-old son were often forced to share a hotel room with a teammate and sometimes she had no choice but to bring him with her to practice. "If I'd have a bad game, you know, my kid would be blamed for it at times, and it was just like, 'Oh, was your kid up late at night?'" the U.S. Women's National Team player said in a recent interview.

Arizona State basketball coach Charli Turner Thorne

had three children without taking maternity leave. And New York Liberty head coach and former WNBA player Sandy Brondello acknowledging the difficulties that she would face if she got pregnant waited to have kids until she retired as a player at age 38. Juggling the demands of parenthood with those of a professional sports career is just one of myriad challenges female athletes face in an industry that also has been rife with pay disparities, harassment and bullying in the 27 years since the WNBA, the first women's professional sports league, was formed.

The issue once again drew national attention right before the season began, when WNBA player

## Pregnancy and sports a challenging combination for female professional athletes

Dearica Hamby said she had been harassed by her coach for getting pregnant during the season.

Las Vegas Aces Coach Becky Hammon, one of the league's marquee figures and a six-time WNBA All-Star, denied bullying Hamby; she said the player wasn't traded to the Los Angeles Sparks because she was pregnant. The trade, she said, had "everything to do with freeing up money to sign free agents." Still, Hammon said she may have made a "misstep" by asking Hamby at one point about her pregnancy, and she indicated that the rules in the WNBA "regarding pregnant players and how that looks within an organization" have to be better defined, shining a light on the balancing act of having a family and maintaining a professional sports career. Women have never been formally banned from the WNBA for getting pregnant; in fact, the first player to sign with the league in 1997, Sheryl Swoopes, was expecting when she did so. But pregnant athletes have encountered attitudes ranging from ambivalent to outright hostile from leagues, coaches,

fellow players and sponsors throughout the years.

As recently as 2019, Olympic runners Allyson Felix and Kara Goucher spoke out against Nike for slashing their pay and then dropping them for becoming pregnant. And it's taken years for professional women's leagues to provide their athletes with the support systems they need to balance their family and career obligations.

"I've been walking on eggshells as a mom in this league since Day 1," said McDonald, who last week announced her second pregnancy.

McDonald said that back in 2012, she trained up until two weeks before giving birth; it wasn't until last year that players in the league were guaranteed paid maternity leave. Arizona State's Thorne told the AP she once returned to work just two days after giving birth. "We're light years ahead of where we were, you know, 20-some years ago in terms of people understanding that they have to support women's rights," Thorne said. Still, "there is pressure on you as the athlete, as the coach, as that person, that woman either

starting their family or having kids, to get back to their job" soon after giving birth. Under the WNBA's most recent collective bargaining agreement, which was ratified in 2020, league members receive their full salary while on maternity leave, though each player has to individually negotiate the length of her leave. During the season, players with children under 13 can receive up to \$5,000 a year for child care, and a paid-for two-bedroom apartment.

A small number of elite, veteran athletes who have played eight or more seasons can be reimbursed up to \$20,000 per year for costs directly related to adoption, surrogacy, egg freezing or other fertility treatments. Per player, the amount is capped at a total of \$60,000. Compared to other industries, this is a progressive offering that is inclusive of LGBTQ+ athletes. "There's always this little asterisk, that it has to be after your eighth year of service to get" fertility benefits, said four-time WNBA All-Star Breanna Stewart, who plays for the New York Liberty and has a 2-year-old daughter with her wife. □

## Horse racing authority calls for emergency summit with Churchill Downs

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)** — Horse racing's oversight authority will hold an emergency summit Tuesday with Churchill Downs, Kentucky's racing commission and HISA veterinary teams to review information and analysis in the wake of 12 horse fatalities in the past month at the home of the Kentucky Derby.

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) announced Monday that it

will also send track superintendent Dennis Moore for a second independent analysis of the training and surfaces. HISA equine safety and welfare director Jennifer Durenberger will provide additional veterinary expertise and oversight of horses at Churchill Downs. The review will begin Wednesday, a HISA release on Monday stated. CEO Lisa Lazarus and track safety director Ann McGovern

will visit the track to receive analysis results and suggest follow-up.

Seven horses died from training or racing injuries at Churchill Downs leading up to the 149th Kentucky Derby on May 6, including two on the undercard. Gelding Lost in Limbo and mare Kimberley Dream, both 7-year-olds, were euthanized after sustaining similar leg injuries over the weekend at the track. □



**Mage (8), with Javier Castellano aboard, wins the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs Saturday, May 6, 2023, in Louisville, Ky.**

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